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10. II. Will Government be pleased to furnish a comparative statement of taxation per head of the population for the last financial year in the States of Travancore, Mysore and Cochin and the British Territory in the Madras Presidency?

11. III. Will Government be pleased to state whether they contemplate enhancing or reducing the tariff value of teak?

Mr. C. Raman Tampi.

12. I. *The Department of Industries.*

(i) Will Government be pleased to state the amount of money spent on this Department from the date of its organisation and the annual expenditure on account of this Department under existing arrangements?

(ii) Will Government be pleased to mention the industries started in Travancore under the control of the Department?

(iii) Will Government be pleased to state whether State aid is now given to industries in Travancore and if so the names of such industries, and the nature and extent of such aid?

Answer.

Secretary Mr. S. Parameswara Aiyar.

The information is being collected and will be furnished when ready.

Chief Secretary Mr. N. Rajaram Rao.

The matter is under consideration.

Secretary Mr. S. Parameswara Aiyar.

The amount of money spent on the Department of Industries from the date of its organisation is Rs. 1,00,793. The annual expenditure on account of this Department under existing arrangements is Rs. 56,300.

The industries so started are

(1) Shellac industry.
(2) Apiculture.
(3) Factory industries:—
  (*a*) Oil distillation.
  (*b*) Jaggery manufacture.
(4) Cottage industries:—
  (*a*) Weaving industry.
  (*b*) Bamboo industry.
  (*c*) Screwpine industry.

State aid is given to some industries.

They are (1) Button manufacture.
(2) Brush making.
(3) Pharmaceutical works.
(4) Pencil manufacture.

Button making.

The lease for the right of collecting shank-shells from Travancore seas and other waters was given to Mr. L. A. Netto of Valiathurai, Trivandrum, for a period of 20 years, on condition that he should start a button factory in the State before the end of the current Malabar year. Mr. Netto has ordered the necessary machinery and a factory will be established shortly.

Brush making.

Arrangements are being made by Mr. Goerss of the Lutheran Mission of Nagercoil to start brush making as a cottage industry at Ramavarmapuram in Nagercoil. Government have sanctioned an initial grant of Rs. 300 to this industry.

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Interpellation.

(iv) Will Government be pleased to state whether they are aware of the action taken by the Cochin Darbar in the matter of leather tanning industry?

(v) Will Government be pleased to state if any action will be taken by them, at an early date, to start similar industries in Travancore?

(vi) Is it a fact that the Manager of the Weaving School at Mavelikara applied to the Director of Industries for financial support from Government?

(vii) Was any such help given? If not, will Government be pleased to state the reason for such refusal?

13. II. *The Kottayam Forest Case.*

(i) Will Government be pleased to state whether a case arose in respect of an offence under the Forest Regulation against

Answer.

Pharmaceutical Works.

The Pioneer Alkali Works Ltd., approached Government with a proposal for starting a factory in Travancore for the manufacture of drugs and other pharmaceutical preparations and requested that some concessions be granted to them. The firm has been promised 2,000 gallons of liquor per annum from the Government distillery at Nagercoil at cost price, duty free, on certain conditions imposed by Government.

Pencil manufacture.

Messrs. Co-Co-Bo Bros., Cochin, who propose to open a pencil factory at Alwaye, have been granted the following concessions, *viz.*, (1) one acre of land for the establishment of the factory; (2) the supply of 500 to 600 candies of soft wood required for the manufacture of pencils at Rs. 8/ per candy; and (3) the deputation of Mr. R. N. Krishna Pillai, the Pencil Expert of the Department, to work the factory for a period of one year.

Yes; it is reported that a Company has been registered recently in Cochin for leather tanning industry with a capital of Rs. 4 lacs, 30 % of the shares of which are subscribed for by the Cochin Government.

A Graduate was sent from Travancore three years ago to study the leather industry in the Leather Seller's Institute in England. He has completed his studies and received his diploma. He is now engaged in gaining factory experience. The question of starting the leather industry will be considered on this expert's return from training.

Yes; more than two years ago, the Manager applied to the Acting Director of Industries for a grant of Rs. 50/ per mensem from Government.

Yes; Government sanctioned a grant of Rs. 25 per mensem with effect from the 1st Chingom 1094 on the distinct understanding that the grant would be withdrawn if the institution was not improved within six months on the lines suggested by Dr. Barker. Subsequently the Manager was allowed extension of time till the end of Makaram 1095 to fulfil the conditions. A report has been called for as to how the school works now.

Secretary Mr. K. Narayanan Pandalay.

Government have received a report of the fellings in the locality referred to and the matter is under investigation.

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